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An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for Independent Expenditures for Political Campaigns

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 448, §3, is amended to read:

B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of each contribution or expenditure aggregating in excess of \$100 in any one candidate's election, the date and purpose of each contribution or expenditure and the name of each payee or creditor. For expenditures categorized as printing and graphics or print media advertisements, and for the printing services component of expenditures categorized as "mail house," a copy of the mail piece or print media ad for each candidate listed on the independent expenditure report must be included, which the commission shall post as part of the independent expenditure report on the commission's publicly accessible website. The report must state whether the contribution or expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate and must include, under penalty of perjury, as provided in Title 17-A, section 451, a statement under oath or affirmation whether the contribution or expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate or an authorized committee or agent of the candidate.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the campaign finance laws to require that the report of independent expenditures include copies of mail pieces and print media.